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THE ELDER ALEXANDER DUMAS

ABOUT twenty-five years ago I had the unusual experience of spending the winter, or part of one, at a French seaside resort, which, normally, was visited by outsiders in summer only, and for the rest of the year was abandoned to its proper inhabitants.

I might have composed a treatise on summer resorts with the part of summer omitted; but fortunately I discovered a lending library in the town, which also was out of business, but consented to admit me as a subscriber in winter extraordinary; and there I found, among many other things which I have forgotten, a complete edition of the works of Alexandre Dumas, pere.

The edition was not only a first edition, but it was composed mainly of first editions; and if you have never seen first editions of Dumas' novels, you do not entirely know your Dumas. The number of volumes was enormous. I took to take home every day enough for the day's reading, or rather for the night's reading; for the days on the Normandy coast at that time of year were very short, with a corresponding lengthening of the nights, and it was my custom to go up the books alongside the high French bed, and read till I was sleepy. And inasmuch as the novels of Dumas do not predispose one to sleep, I used to go through an astonishing pile of volumes before giving up.

I stood them up in columns on the floor. They were bound in plain brown cloth, and were a good deal the worse for wear. The printing was very "open." I believe that novelists in Dumas' times were paid so much per page, and Dumas was accustomed to put no more words on a page than circumstances required. I counted the words on one page; there were just seventeen in all. And yet the page was intensely interesting; the dialogue, with its Gallic abruptness, kept you breathless, and was undoubtedly worth the price paid for it, whatever that may have been. Each volume contained perhaps 200 pages; so that it did not take long to finish one, but each of them finished at such an exasperating juncture of the story that one was forced at least to begin the next one, and thus one was led on and on forever.

The tall Normandy clock in the sitting room down stairs was struck at 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, but I really must have just one volume more. The situation of D'Artagnan was too tremendous to be broken in upon; here was Monte Cristo testing on another plane of suspense; another chapter would reveal the culminating mystery of Joseph Balsamo; stopping was out of the question. On at least one occasion I saw the morning sunshine fall on my room, and I could not prevail upon myself to blow out the now useless lamp and lapse in unconsciousness.

The cords with which Dumas binds his reader are light as gossamer and strong as steel. He is beyond all comparison or rivalry the finest, most irresistible story teller that ever lived, or is likely to live hereafter. He is just as charming when he is obviously humbugging you as when he is making you wonder whether such genius ever before existed. He is inexhaustible, and beyond all expectation. He never seems to be exerting himself; all he does is done with an ease that almost makes you believe you could do it yourself; and yet there has been but one Dumas; by which of course I have no intention of casting doubts upon the authenticity of his son after the death.

Did any other man ever live so fully a life—a life so full that if you were to eliminate it altogether all writing of books there would still be left a life more than enough to make the lives of ten ordinary men look empty. You could watch Dumas doing a dozen things at once, none of them having the least relation to literature; and after he had done them, he would sit down with a bow, a complete and immortal novel, which he had been somehow writing all the while behind your back. It is told of him that after a riotous dinner he made a drunken wager that he would write a novel within the next twenty-four hours; it may have been twelve hours; I would have bet on his side in either case. The terms of the wager being settled, he called for pen and paper there at the table, and fell to work. Sheet after sheet, sheet after sheet; bring forth a fresh ink bottle and another bundle of quill pens; another ream of paper; he is fresher than when he started. Pick up the pages as he throws them down and read them; he is writing them almost as fast as you can read; and you remark that this is one of his very best stories.

The time is up, but he has finished the book an hour or two ago, and is now off with his boon companions to set the town on fire another way. The ignorant Dumas died thirty-two years ago; his mother was a San Domingo dandy; he was a huge, sensual, coarse animal; his manner of life was unmentionable. But he wrote "Monte Cristo," "The Three Musketeers," "D'Artagnan," and the "Balsamo series," and the "Black Tulip," and all the rest of that interminable product; he was never weary; he was never at a loss; he always seemed able to do ten times as much as he did, though no other man could be found to do one-tenth so much; and these books of his, so lightly thrown off, are read today with as much pleasure as ever.

I would like a statistician to tell me how many characters, reasonably distinguished, there are in the whole course of Dumas' stories. It made no difference to him; he could have carried as many as many. France has a Dumas, and a Balzac both in the same century; both supreme and inimitable. It never rains but it pours; unfortunately, surfeit in one place is called for in another. Why have we no Dumas and Balzac here?—Julian Hawthorne in Philadelphia North American.

A Ragging, Roaring Flood.
Washed down a telegraph line which Chas. C. Ellis, of Lisbon, Ia., had to repair. "Standing waist deep in icy water," he writes, "gave me a terrible cold and caught. It grew worse daily. Finally the best doctors in Oakland, Neb., Sioux City and Omaha said I had Consumption and could not live. Then I began using Dr. King's New Discovery and was wholly cured by six bottles." Positively guaranteed for Coughs, Colds and All Threat and Lung troubles by Z. C. M. I. Drug Dept. Price 50c and \$1.

Convalescence.
Convalescence is sometimes merely apparent, not real, and especially is this true after such diseases as pneumonia, typhoid fever and the grip. To make it real and rapid, there is no other tonic so highly to be recommended as Hood's Sarsaparilla.

This great medicine cleanses and renews the blood, strengthens all the organs and functions, and restores health. Take Hood's.

For all fresh cuts or wounds, either on the human subject or on animals, BALLARD'S SNOW LINIMENT is excellent; while for corn-burns, sprained wrists, barbed-wire cuts and sores on working horses, it cannot be too highly commended. Price, 50 cents. Z. C. M. I. Drug Dept.

R. K. THOMAS.
See our Flannellette Corsetine Wrappers on sale at \$1.25 each; our \$1.75 quality.

THANKSGIVING LINEN SALE!

SPECIAL PRICE QUOTATIONS THIS WEEK COMMANDING THE
ADVANCE PURCHASE OF YOUR THANKSGIVING LINEN WANTS

WHY THESE EXCEPTIONAL
BARGAINS IN STAPLE
HIGH GRADE LINENS?

The American Representative of our Belfast Table Linen Manufacturers visited us last week to take our Spring import order. Salt Lake being his last stopping place, and being homeward bound he decided to leave with us his entire line of samples, consisting of some 90 dozen choicest napkins and over 50 separate cloths and table sets, covering all grades and qualities.

This was done principally to rid himself of excess baggage and we grasped the opportunity at a reduction of 33 1-3 per cent. THIS IS THE SAME REDUCTION you will get on them here this week, and it will be well worth your while to drop in early Monday morning and be "let in on the ground floor" of this exceptional sale.

JUST FANCY—EXQUISITE, IMPORTED, CHOICE, IRISH TABLE LINENS AND NAPKINS JUST A WEE BIT SOILED AT

ONE-THIRD OFF REGULAR PRICES.

SAMPLE NAPKINS, TABLE CLOTHS AND SETS.

Dinner Size NAPKINS.

ALL FULL DINNER SIZE NAPKINS, EXQUISITE PATTERNS AND DESIGNS, MADE OF FINE SATIN DAMASK AND DOUBLE SATIN IRISH DAMASK AS FOLLOWS:

\$2.95 Napkins, for per dozen	\$2.00
\$3.50 Napkins, for per dozen	\$2.45
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\$5.00 Napkins, for per dozen	\$3.65
\$5.75 Napkins, for per dozen	\$3.95
\$6.25 Napkins, for per dozen	\$4.50
\$7.00 Napkins, for per dozen	\$5.25
\$10.55 Napkins, for per dozen	\$7.50

Exquisite Table Cloths

EXQUISITE SEPARATE TABLE CLOTHS FROM 2 TO 4 YARDS LONG.

\$1.40 TABLE CLOTHS, for	\$1.00
\$2.95 TABLE CLOTHS, for	\$2.00
\$3.50 TABLE CLOTHS, for	\$2.50
\$4.25 TABLE CLOTHS, for	\$3.00
\$5.00 TABLE CLOTHS, for	\$3.60
\$11.00 TABLE CLOTHS, for	\$8.00
\$12.75 TABLE CLOTHS, for	\$9.25
\$17.50 TABLE CLOTHS, for	\$12.95



FINE LINEN SETS.

FINE LINEN SETS, CONSISTING OF ONE CLOTH AND ONE DOZEN NAPKINS TO MATCH.

\$12.00 SETS for	\$8.25	\$22.75 SETS for	\$15.75
\$12.95 SETS for	9.00	\$25.00 SETS for	17.50
\$15.00 SETS for	11.00	\$25.50 SETS for	17.65
\$17.50 SETS for	12.50	\$29.00 SETS for	19.50
\$18.00 SETS for	13.50	\$29.50 SETS for	20.00
\$20.00 SETS for	14.50	\$30.00 SETS for	20.25

Special Sale Prices on our Entire Magnificent Stock of TABLE LINENS AND NAPKINS

52-inch unbleached Table Linen, good fair quality, usually sold at 35c. Sale Price (per yard).....	29c	72-inch bleached satin Table Damask, every thread pure linen, made by the famous firm of Richardson Sons & Co., Ltd., Belfast, Ireland, value \$1.55. Sale Price, (per yard).....	\$1.25
58-inch unbleached German Loom Dice Table Linen, always sold at 65c. Sale Price (per yard).....	50c	72-inch extra heavy satin Table Damask, our regular \$1.75 grade. Sale Price (per yard).....	1.40
58-inch bleached Table Linen, good quality and five designs. Sale Price (per yard).....	50c	72-inch plain heavy satin Table Damask, manufactured by Richardson Sons & Co., Ltd., one of our very best grades and always sold by us at \$2.00. Sale Price (per yard).....	\$1.65
68-inch extra heavy unbleached German Table Damask, four different patterns to select from, would be good value at 90c. Sale Price (per yard).....	75c	72-inch double satin Damask, all new patterns. This is the linen that we always sell at \$2.50. Sale Price (per yard).....	\$1.95
68-inch bleached Table Linen, four different patterns and every thread pure linen, actual value \$1. Sale Price (per yard).....	79c	50 dozen bleached Napkins, size 20x20, regular price \$1.40. Sale Price (per dozen).....	\$1.10
78-inch full grass bleached, Irish Table Damask, five beautiful patterns, all pure linen, regular price \$1.25. Sale Price, (per yard).....	90c	100 dozen plain all linen Napkins, hemmed, ready for use, value \$1.75. Sale Price (per dozen).....	\$1.25
72-inch bleached Table Linen, every thread pure linen, four different designs, value \$1.55. Sale Price, (per yard).....	\$1.00	100 dozen German Loom Dice Napkins, size 22x22, regular value \$1.75. Sale Price (per dozen).....	\$1.45
72-inch bleached Table Damask, five different new designs, worth in the regular way \$1.45. Sale Price, per yard (Napkins to match).....	\$1.15	40 dozen full dinner size bleached table Napkins, five different patterns, value \$2.75. Sale Price (per dozen).....	\$2.00

Black and Colored Silks

The most up-to-date style in dress, waist and trimming silks. 75c per yd will buy this week our regular \$1.00 quality Flannel Silks in a variety of evening shades.

\$1.00 per yd for a large variety of the very stylish Jasper and printed Warp Silks, especially suitable for waists and trimmings. \$1.50 is the regular price of both these swell fabrics.

\$1.00 per yd will buy this week our handsome Silk Crepe De Chines in all the evening shades and black. Regular value \$1.25 and \$1.50.

\$1.00 per yd is not much for a 24-inch guarantee stamped on every yard. This is the best bargain of the season.

In our collection of Black Taffetas, you will at all times find the productions of those celebrated Lyon's Manufacturers.

C. J. BONNET & CIE.



At the Following Prices:
19-inch C. J. Bonnet & Cie BLACK TAFFETAS per yard..... 75c
21-inch C. J. Bonnet & Cie BLACK TAFFETAS per yard..... \$1.00
24-inch C. J. Bonnet & Cie BLACK TAFFETAS per yard..... \$1.25

Fashionable Dress Fabrics AT LOWEST PRICES.

A large, carefully selected stock, comprising the best staple and leading fancy weaves.

We start them at 30c PER YARD, at which price we offer Pebble Cheviot, granite and henriettes. AT 50c PER YARD, we are selling fine all wool whipcord, chevrons, henriettes, granites and venetian cloths in the leading fall colorings; also batiste, nun's veiling and albatros, in evening shades and cream.

AT 75c PER YARD we are offering a still better grade of all wool dress fabrics, 44 to 52 inches in width, including all the leading fancy and staple weaves, such as Pebble cloth, Granite Cloth, Cheviots, Prunella Cloth and Whipcords.

AT \$1.00 PER YARD 52-inch all wool Venetian mixtures; 54-inch very best Scotch Cheviot Suitings in invisible plaids and checks.

Finer and heavier goods suitable for unlined Walking Skirts now all the rage at per yard \$1.50, \$1.75 and \$2.00.

KID GLOVES

The best \$1.00 Kid Gloves produced, we are really proud of them, they are made by the most skilled French labor of selected skins, every pair has "Cohn's" engraved on each clasp, they are our own special importation. PRICE..... \$1.00

Our \$1.50 Palais Royal, we are sole Agents for them here, they are celebrated for possessing all the advantages found in other prominent makes; hand-sewn throughout, guaranteed against the elegance of style, finish and superb quality are at once recognized.

The Gloves are over seam and the \$1.50 Suedes are Pique sewn. PRICE..... \$1.50

Winter Underwear Offerings

75 cts.	For Women's fine wool pants, flat weave, natural color, sold regularly for \$1.25.
\$1.25	For Women's superfine flat weave wool undersuits, natural color, sold regularly for \$1.75.
\$1.37	For Women's heavy weight wool union suits, open across the bust, come in white and natural color, sold regularly for \$2.00.
23 cts.	For Child's heavy cotton, fleece-lined union suits, drop seat.
\$1.23	For Children's and Misses' ribbed wool union suits, open front, half open back, come in light gray.



Bargains in Women's Furnishings

REMARKABLE SALE OF WRAPPERS, PETTICOATS, DRESSING SACQUES AND BATH ROBES.

Short Knit Under-shirt.....	42c	A dainty little dressing sacque of colored cashmere, velvet and braid trimmed, specially priced.....	\$2.13
Outing Flannel Kimonos and Dressing Sacques, this week for.....	58c	\$2.25 all wool elderdown sacques in 3 styles, stitched Satin, Ribbon or Applique trimmed, extra good values for this week.....	\$2.39
Elderdown Dressing Sacques, all colors, crocheted edge, this week for.....	63c	\$6.00 Bath Robe, all solid colors full back sailor collar, fancy cord at neck and around waist.....	\$4.05
Mercerized Satin Petticoat, corded and pleated.....	89c	Taffeta Silk Petticoats deep accordion pleated flounces edged with narrow ruffles, special for one week.....	\$5.25
Fancy striped and figured outing flannel wrappers, shoulder capes and turn over collar, trimmed with fancy braid, deep flounce on bottom, regular \$2.25 wrapper for one week.....	\$1.58	Beautiful Japanese Silk Kimonos, bright colored Persian designs, special this week.....	\$5.85

Three Ladies' Suits at Half Price

FOR ONE WEEK ONLY.

ETON JACKET SUIT of all Wool Venetian cloth. Jacket and suit trimmed with Silk bands, Tan, Castor, Red, Brown, Navy and Black. An up to date suit in every \$8.50 particular. \$17.00 Suit for

NEW BLOUSE WALKING SUIT, Norfolk, yoke and box pleats, all wool Covert, Castor, Black, Navy and Brown. Dip fronts, bell sleeves, tight fitting double breasted. \$11.50 \$23.00 Suits for

We have gathered one lot of LADIES' SUITS together, almost 50 of them, consisting of blouse, Eton tight fitting styles, all popular styles in black and colors, all sizes choice of \$22.00 Suits for..... \$16.00

REMNANTS OF French Flannels, Challies and Waistings

The past month's brisk selling of waistings has left us with a great number of very desirable short lengths in fine waistings and high grade French Flannels, including the New Oriental designs, pretty figured stripes, polka dots, etc., which will be closed out this week at actual cost. Lengths from 2 1/2 to 5 yards. Prices range from—

\$1.00 Per Waist Pattern and Up.

NECK BOAS.

\$1.48 for our regular \$2.50 Neck Boas in Black and Black and White, Liberty Silk, with long and medium wide flowing ends. This week only—

\$1.48

EIDERDOWNS.

A high grade pure all wool Eiderdown in all desirable new colorings, full one yard wide. Regular 75c grade, this week, per yard—

50c

Children's Wear.

The very swiftest of the swell new garments for the little folks—

Two of the
Specials
For
This Week.



Children's Ripple Elderdown Coats made with large collar, trimmed in rows of braid, regular price \$2.00, this week—

\$1.68

Children's Long Cloaks of Heavy Kersey Cloth, all colors, three shoulder capes finished with velvet piping this week we will sell them for only—

\$4.15

Extra Values in Ladies' Cloaks.

MANY EXTREME REDUCTIONS HAVE BEEN MADE.

27-inch English Kersey box coats, satin lined..... \$5.25 || 42-inch Automobile Castor Coats, made of fine Kersey..... | \$7.95 |
| English Raglan, Oxford only, extraordinary value..... | \$14.50 |
| New Velour blouse coat silk braid trimmed, beautiful garment, this week for..... | \$28.00 |

Toilet Specials.

TALCUM POWDER, per box.....	4c
CUTICLE SOAP, cake.....	8c
MME. RUPERT'S COMPLEXION SOAP, Rubifoon.....	18c
ROGER & GALLETT'S SCENTED SOAPS.....	23c
Pozzon's Medicated COMPLEXION POWDER.....	38c

Blankets and Quilts that are Guaranteed Clean and Sanitary

You can't be too careful about the bed clothing you buy. In these days of close competition and price lowering, many manufacturers consider too lightly the class of materials used. Our goods are made by the largest manufacturers of this class of goods and all materials used are guaranteed clean, pure, fresh and new.

Full 10-4 Cotton Pile Sheet Blankets, colors Gray, Tan and White. Sale Price per pair.....	55c	Extra large size Silkoline covered comforts, actual size 72x84, filled with pure white cotton, worth \$2.00. Sale Price each.....	\$1.65
Blankets, regular \$1.45. Sale Price per pair.....	\$1.25	Good Quality Silkoline covered Comforts, size 72x84, filled with good quality cotton, worth \$1.85. Sale Price each.....	\$1.48
Extra quality Grey Wool Blankets, size 11-4, worth \$5.00. Sale Price per pair.....	\$3.65		

Black Goods and Cloths

Two very important departments. We carry only the best and most reliable goods. 50 cts WILL BUY a good, durable all wool black dress fabric in plain and fancy.

At 75 cents WE ARE offering choice black dress fabrics in staple and fancy.

\$1.00 PER YARD for a good grade of all wool broadcloth and venetian, in colors and black, 52 inches wide; finer goods at \$1.25, \$1.50 and \$2.00 per yard.

75 cents PER YARD for covert suitings; also \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50 and \$2.00 qualities.



Fashionable Furs.

Choice genuine Skunk and Opposum Scarfs with six sable tails..... \$3.95 || Best quality Sheared Coney Jackets, lined throughout with heavy satin, storm collar, this week for..... | \$18.00 |
| Beautiful Electric Seal Jackets with new stylish box and revers front, new turn back cuffs, best quality Skinner's lining..... | \$28.00 |

All Novelties in New Waists

In silk, French Flannels, Corduroys and Persian colored Waists.

3 SPECIALS

New Persian Colorings in Flannellettes, 50c handsome styles, good 72 waist for..... \$2.98 || Beautiful French Flannel Waists, all dainty and dark colors, clusters of double stitched tucks, regular \$2.25 waist this week's special for..... | \$2.98 |
| One lot of handsome colored taffeta silk Waists made in variety of styles, some of these would sell elsewhere for \$3.00, this week for..... | \$3.98 |

Handkerchief Specials

We have good handkerchief news for buyers this week. We place on sale 1200 numbers of Convent made unlaundered Handkerchiefs with dainty hand embroidered initials, a big shipment bought for our holiday trade and in ahead of time. Buy now, as these will be sold out long before holiday trade commences.

Number 4146 at per dozen..... \$2.00 || Number 4397 at per dozen..... | \$2.75 |

If bought singly they would be 25c and 25c. Women's Warranted All Pure Linen Grass Bleached, Hemstitched Handkerchiefs. Special soft finish ready for use. Regularly sold at 25c. Special this week..... 15c |

Women's Corset Covers

Women's fine soft jersey knit corset covers, 73c high neck and sleeveless, 50c quality reduced to..... 83c |

HOSIERY SALE

25 cts	for Women's outside hose, fast black, size 3 1/2 only. Sold regularly for 40c and 50c.
25 cts	for Misses' heavy weight wool hose, sizes 8 and 9 1/2, formerly sold for 40c.
33 1/2c	for Misses' and Children's extra heavy weight, 1 1/2 ribbed wool hose, double sole, high spliced heel, sold regularly at 40c and 50c.
11 cts	for Women's fast black cotton, fleece lined hose.

Mail Orders Promptly Filled